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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MILI, PORG
SUBJECT: LEBANON: ARMY MOVE TO SOUTH

REF: TEL AVIV 9659

1. CALLED BOUTROS AND ABDO 0730 LOCAL AND PASSED TO THEM
SUBSTANCE REFTEL, WITH EMPHASIS ON WEIZMAN'S STATEMENT HADDAD
SAYS HE WILL SHOOT AND ON LEWIS'S ADVICE THAT THEY IN
NORBATT AREA UNTIL THINGS CAN BE WORKED OUT.

2. BOTH BOUTROS AND ABDO SAID THEY DID NOT BELIEVE WHAT
WEIZMAN SAID ABOUT HADDAD (A) BECAUSE HADDAD HAD RECEIVED VERY
CLEAR AND PERSONAL ASSURANCES ABOUT HIS SAFETY AND HIS FUTURE
AND (B) THEY HAD RECEIVED MESSAGE FROM HADDAD YESTERDAY (JULY 30)
SAYING HE WOULD WELCOME ARRIVAL OF ARMY IN THE SOUTH.

3. ABDO POINTED OUT THAT IF ARMY HAD TO STOP AT KAWKABA BECAUSE
HADDAD MIGHT FIRE ON THEM, THAT WOULD BE END OF ANY CLAIM TO
LEGALITY OR RECOMPENSE ON HADDAD'S PART. LATTER WAS WELL AWARE
OF THAT.

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4. ABDO SAID ARMY WOULD BE ARRIVING KAWKABA 0845 LOCAL, AND
THAT IT HAD ENCOUNTERED NO TROUBLE SO FAR.
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